ADVICE
TO THE
ARMY,
On their Going to
France and Ireland.

IF I had not known (my Brave and Valiant Soldiers) that your Spirit and Courage desireth rather the Glory and Renown of God, than your own proper safeties. I would never have ventured my self under your Affiance and Valour. And for that I well know the Renown and Fame of our Predecessors, who have obtained in *France* and *Ireland* so many Victories, will stir up in you (my Loving Companions) Courage to follow their Steps and Honourable Endeavours, and that the Memory of their Exploits and Glorious Acts, may be as prevailent in you, as they have been in your Predecessors, in considering the things which may now Eternalize you; I doubt not at any Hand, but you will cause your Valiantness and Vertues to appear through the World, and especially in those Quarters, where we shall see more store of Enemies than Friends, and where we must with the Edge of our Sword make out Passage; being in a Countrey which most of us have never seen, where is no great Surety to repose any Confidence; and where Infinite Dangers do abound; and the Armies which already are prepared against the French, and Popish Party in *Ireland*, are Motives which may Induce them to fear, of which we ought to make our Benefit; to cause our Prudence, Wisdom, and Dexterity of Spirit to be known (which are Vertues more desired than any other) in that thereby men shall see the Boldness and Courage of you, and the Faith and End of that Inviolable Oath, which we all have made to the *Prince of Orange* and *Protestant Religion*: Behold we are ready to Embark, which should cause us all to rejoyce; and not to follow Corporal and Effeminate Pleasures, which make a Man weak, sickly, and Tender; but to aspire to Honour, Riches, and Victory, and to have the Reward of our Honourable Deeds, such as shall be yielded to us by Prosperous Fortune; which I doubt not but it will be such towards us, that of Terrestrial Men, it will make us Coelestial, and Sound in the Air so Honourable a Bruite of our worthy Names, that neither Time nor Death shall obscure, nor rake it up in Oblivion; but we shall live time out of Memory, yea Eternally. And for that we are now to deal with People, who differ not much from our Customs and Manner of Living; of whom it behoveth us to win their Love and Liking by Policy and Discretion, to our Devotion, Will, and Friendship; we must be very Modest, Temperate and Quiet, and must banish Avarice, despise Voluptuousness, and contemn the Pleasures of the Body; and above all must fly all Idleness, which how hurtful it is to an Army, and how many Evils it bringeth with it, you sufficiently conceive. Besides, we must avoid Robberies, preserve the Honour of Women, respect Ancient Persons, have care of poor Children, to live amongst your selves as observers of true Religion, to favour the Friends thereof, and pursue the Enemies; and think that we being in a strange Country, and in another mans House, to do but that which you would do at home: We seeing by experience that every Beast, though never so little, being in his Den becometh as a Lyon, in defending himself from the injury and oppression, which is offered him; and judging thereby how much more they ought, and will become Couragious and hardy in their own Houses, if they see or feel themselves Out-raged by us. Besides, ye ought in all your Actions, to have God always before your Eyes, for the love and Honor, of whom we ought to expose our Bodies and lives; and thereby manifesting our selves meek and curious, one to another; and towards our Enemies, Fierce, Bold, Terrible, Fearful, Prompt, and Hardy; to cause others to know that we are Couragious without Fear, Wise, and full of Understanding; that by such means, you may always have together with Health, a high way to Virtue, set open before you; and that every one of you may with me, carry into his Country, Renown and Eternal Memory: not refusing any Pain or Travel; for that no Wearisness, nor any Incommodities, or Crosses, can, or ought ever to enter into such Vigilent or Heroical Spirits, whereby to darken or deface the desire, and earnest affections, which proceedeth from true Honor, and Glory: And especially, I being with you; not as a Commander amongst you, but as a Father, or Brother, and Companion, as well in adversity as in prosperity. And to that end you may assure your selves, that it's true I have said, my self will be the first, and will not refuse any danger that will befall me; to the end, that by this Example, every one of you may learn, rather to esteem Honor and Reputation, then his own proper Life, and prefer an Honorable Death, before a vile and dishonest Life.

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